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Our Late President.

A Chapter in the Private History of Abraham Lincoln.

We reproduced a few days since, from the Chicago Republican, a recent conversation with a correspondent of that paper and a Mrs. Wisco, formerly Mrs. Armstrong, of Maunard county, Ill. Among the interesting incidents mentioned by the correspondent as having been obtained from this good old woman, was an account of the successful defence of her son, young Armstrong, on a charge of murder. The impressive scene of that trial, the apparent helplessness of the cause, the triumphant defence made by the unpaid attorney, the shame of the perjured principal witness, the joy of the boy restored to freedom, the gratitude of the long-suffering mother, and the Christian sympathy of Abraham Lincoln for "the widow and the fatherless," were all faithfully portrayed by the writer in the Cleveland Leader, on the morning following Mr. Lincoln's nomination at Chicago in 1860. The sketch was extensively copied and read at the time, and has found a place in almost every life of Lincoln ever published.

The writer witnessed the trial, which occurred at Beardstown, the county seat of Cass county, Ill., a town on the Illinois river, some forty miles from Springfield, Mr. Lincoln's home at that time. It was probably one of the most remarkable trials on record. The testimony was positive and overwhelming, and the volunteer attorney seemed, during the examination of witnesses, to be making no defence at all. He rested the case upon a single point. It was alleged that the crime was committed at a certain hour of a certain night, and was revealed to the witnesses, or, rather to the one positive witness, by the light of the moon, then shining brightly. The attorney's most potent witness was an old African colored almanac, which he drew from a capacious pocket in his coat skirt and proceeded to open. It revealed the fact that the moon did not rise for several hours after the time specified. The case was won, and the eminent lawyer had discharged the debt of gratitude he owed the friend who in years ago had sheltered the struggling student.

Abraham Lincoln's power of self control—the faculty of remaining calm and apparently unimpassioned upon the most exciting occasions—was illustrated at the close of this trial. In addressing the jury, he had said, "If justice be done, as I believe it will be, yonder sun, before its setting, will shine upon my client a free man." The sun was still lingering above the western horizon when the verdict "Not guilty" was rendered. The prisoner and his weeping mother for a time absorbed the attention of the auditors. Soon the youth, so unexpectedly rescued from the "jaws of death," turned to thank his deliverer. He found him striding carelessly, up and down one of the aisles of the little old court room, his hands deep in his trousers' pockets. As the young man grasped his hand and vainly sought to express the gratitude he felt, Lincoln stooped down to look through the partially curtained window, and his honest face revealing none of the emotion which must have been welling up in his honest heart, quietly said, "Just saved your distance, young man; the sun is not quite down yet."

Interesting Interview at the Presidential Mansion.

At the time of the annual meeting last week of the American Colonization Society in Washington, a delegation of the Society, embracing some twenty members, waited upon the President to tender him the assurance of their confidence and support in the momentous and embarrassing duties that rest upon him. J. H. B. Latrobe, Esq., the president of the Society, introduced the delegation, and in his remarks connected with the Society expressed the belief that it was in a separation of the negro from the white race that the best mode of bettering the condition of the colored people was to be found. President Johnson replied with emphasis, that they should have a fair trial where they are. He affirmed the views on the subject as they are embraced in the message, and declared that whatever might be his convictions in regard to negro suffrage in the District of Columbia and Tennessee, he was firmly opposed to forcing such suffrage upon the States by national legislation. The distinct impression was left that he was not friendly to indiscriminate negro suffrage in this District.

The meeting was very agreeable and satisfactory to the delegation, who came away with the conviction that they had been in interview with a calm, fearless, honest and able statesman and ruler.—*Nat. Intel.*

Col. Frank Jordan is the Pennsylvania Military State Agent at Washington, whose special duty it is to attend to all business of the people of the State, of a military character, with the Departments at Washington. We refer to the fact again, because it appears that in some quarters Colonel Jordan's peculiar duties are not properly understood. All information concerning claims and their free collection, pensions, bounties, and back pay, come within Colonel Jordan's duties, and we are satisfied that all applications made to him will be promptly and carefully attended to. We repeat this to soldiers, and the heirs of soldiers, run no risk in confiding the collection of claims to Col. Jordan.

President Johnson was visited on Saturday night by a delegation of influential Democrats of Pennsylvania, including the members of the State Executive Committee to whom he said in response to the introductory speech of their chairman, that if they came to him as patriots he was happy to have their support, but if as partisans then the case was more doubtful, as he should not swerve from his sense of duty for party men or party objects.

LARGE CARGO OF PETROLEUM FOR EUROPE.—The ship Lancaster sailed from Philadelphia, on Saturday, with the largest cargo of petroleum ever taken from the U. States in one vessel—viz, 5,703 barrels, containing 270,191 gallons of refined and 93,113 gallons of crude oil, valued at over \$260,000.

GENERAL HOOKER.—The papers have contained many paragraphs about the illness of Major General Hooker, some asserting that he has been completely paralyzed. This, however, is contradicted. He has been ill, but not of paralysis, and is now nearly well.



GETTYSBURG:
Tuesday, January 30, 1866.

During the session of the Legislature D. McCoskott, Esq., has made arrangements to have his office open, and clients always attended to. He will be at his office every Saturday.

There will be preaching in the United Presbyterian Church, Gettysburg, on the second Sabbath in February, at the usual hour, by Rev. Mr. Graham, of Allegheny.

The proceeds of the Fair held during the holidays by the Myrtle Wreath Society of Gettysburg, were \$111.60. The money has been paid over to the Treasurer of Ever Green Cemetery.

Jacob J. Diehl has been appointed Postmaster at Idaville, in this county, in the room of D. H. Markley.

The Post-office has been re-established at Fayetteville, and Upton J. Cook appointed Postmaster. The office was recently closed owing to the death of the old postmaster, Mr. Joseph Boggs.

Senator McCoskott, on Wednesday, read in place a Bill supplementary to the General Election Laws, providing penalties for deserters voting and officers of elections receiving their votes—so as effectually to prevent voting by deserters hereafter.

On Thursday, on his motion, the Senate ordered 1000 copies to be printed. The Bill will pass promptly.

Mr. McCoskott, also, presented further petitions from York county, for extension of Jury Commissioners Act to York county. The Bill extending the act to Adams county will pass the Senate next week.

Mr. Lilly, the Register and Recorder of this county, some time ago, recorded a deed the stamps upon which amounted to \$1,500.—Wm. G. Moorhead, and others, to the South Mountain Iron Company. Also, a deed from J. Holker Hughes, and others, to the Mount Alto Iron Company—the stamps upon which amounted to \$600, and the recording fees to \$25.

The Littlestown Band.

The Brass band lately organized at Littlestown, paid our town a visit Friday evening last, and gave our citizens quite a musical treat. They have certainly reached unprecedented skill in the two and a half months exercise they have had. We thank them for the interesting serenade they gave at our door; and we hope that when they again "discourse such good music," we may be there to hear. Again we say, "thank you!"

Maj. Gen. John W. Geary. This distinguished soldier appears to be making rapid headway in the good will of the people of the State, as their candidate for Governor. The "Lancaster Examiner," "Village Record," of West Chester, Phila. "Press," Greensburg "Herald," Lancaster "Express," Reading "Record," Tioga "Agitator," Carlisle "Herald," &c., &c., are all in his favor, and the symptoms are that he will be the man of the people. The great Union phalanx of Lancaster county, at their meeting of delegates on the 22nd, instructed their delegates (six in number) to vote for the General; and the "Examiner" has placed his name at its mast-head, and is doing noble work in his favor. The Carlisle "Herald" is also enthusiastic in support of him. It remarks that "this deeds of valor in Virginia, at Gettysburg, and during Sherman's memorable march from Chattanooga to Raleigh are a part of the record of the great achievements of the patriot soldiers of the Union."

The Union County Convention of Lancaster county assembled on the 22nd, and besides appointing delegates to the State Convention on the 7th of March, and instructing them for Gen. Geary, they nominated John H. Shirk, as candidate for the Legislature, in the room of Day Wood, deceased. The election will take place on Saturday next. He will, of course, be elected by "The Old Guard."

Koonitz and Coffroth. A majority and minority report were made in the U. S. House of Representatives, from the Committee on elections, in regard to the contested seat in this District. The majority report is in favor of Mr. Coffroth; the minority report declares Mr. Koonitz entitled to it. The House has not yet settled the difficulty.

Valentines.

St. Valentine's day occurs on the 14th of February, and our friend, E. H. Minnich, opposite the Lutheran Church in Chambersburg street, is already prepared for it—rather, prepared to accommodate those who desire to celebrate it in the old-fashioned way. He now offers for sale the largest assortment of Sentimental and Comic Valentines, Sentimental Cards, Periodicals, &c., ever before laid in by any house in this place, and will sell at prices lower than could well be expected. He has something to suit every taste, from grave to gay, and asks the public to give his stock an examination.

A sale of Government Mules took place at Harrisburg on Wednesday last. One hundred and thirty animals were sold at an average price of \$149 per head! These are the highest average figures ever obtained by the Government for mules sold anywhere.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has declared a dividend of 5 per cent. for the last six months, clear of all taxes. After declaring this dividend the Company have left in the treasury a reserved fund of three millions of dollars!

Read Parkinson & Co's. "Road to Wealth" in another column. This firm has been long in business, and favorably known over all parts of the country!

A negro called Billy Patterson, who was in the Albany Penitentiary, on a sentence of five years, got some Cotton oil and rubbed it on his face, giving him the appearance of having the small-pox. In consequence, he was sent to the small-pox hospital; and was not long at large, when he stole a set of valuable furs at Washington. When tried on the new charge, he will be sent back to Albany to serve out his former term.

Who Shall Be Governor?

The question as to who shall succeed Andrew G. Curtis as Governor of the State, says the Lancaster "Examiner," is beginning to agitate the public mind. Several gentlemen prominent in the Union party have been put forward as candidates, and, in some counties, delegates have already been appointed to the State Convention.—Among the prominent candidates are Messrs. Cessus, Morehead and Ketchum, all good men and worthy of being the standard bearer of the great Union party. But there is one man who, more than any of the others, seems to combine in himself all the elements necessary to success. That man is Gen. JOHN W. GEARY. A man of extended information, great experience and undoubted patriotism, he will make as popular a candidate and as good a Governor as he who now fills the Chair of State. A friend of the people, an eloquent champion of equal rights, and a man whose social and moral character is beyond reproach, he will draw to his standard and support men of every shade of opinion, always accepting those whose sympathies during the late rebellion were with the enemies of our common country. Gen. Geary is no paper General. Fairly and honorably, by hard fighting, he earned his title of Major General. Commencing his active military career in the war with Mexico, on the breaking out of the slaveholders' rebellion he entered the Union army and fought his way through to the end. He was in some of the heaviest battles of the war, and only relinquished his sword when the last rebel army succumbed to the Union arms. With such a candidate, the Union party of Pennsylvania must prove successful!

The Gubernatorial Question.

Amongst the many candidates named in connection with the Gubernatorial nomination, no one stands more prominent than General John W. Geary. In addition to being a gentleman of fine address and education, he has fairly won and deserves the title of General, having participated in the following battles:

Bolivar Heights, 16th October, 1861.
Oedar Mountain, 9th August, 1862.
Chancellorsville, 1st, 2d, 3d May, 1863.
Gettysburg, 1st, 2d, 3d July, 1863.
Wounded Knee, 29th October, 1863.
Lookout Mountain, 24th November, 1863.
Mission Ridge, 26th November, 1863.
Ringold, 27th November, 1863.

He was also through the one hundred days' fighting from Chattanooga to Atlanta, and in the campaigns to Savannah, and through the Carolinas to the close of the war.—*Pittsburg Commercial.*

On Wednesday last, the two branches of the Legislature met in Convention, to open and declare the return of the vote at the late election for Auditor General and Surveyor General. The returns being read, the result was declared, as follows:

Hartman's majority	236,330
Davis	215,740
Hartman's majority	22,590
Surveyor General	
Campbell	237,969
Lincoln	215,981
Campbell's majority	21,988

The republicans manifest more confidence in the favorable disposition of the President towards their pending measures, than they have done at any time since the first day of the session. Then Congress was a unit, and so it is now. There is not the slightest indication of any breach in the party in either house. They vote in solid column on every party measure, as was shown a few days ago.

This does not look as if they apprehended any rupture with the President. The democrats, on the other hand, are prematurely jubilant over an expected issue between the republicans and the President, and point to some of his reported utterances as evidence that he will resist the radical tendencies of Congress. Somebody is to be disappointed before long.

A number of leading Pennsylvanians including seven members of Congress, had an interview with the President on Wednesday night. It lasted for two hours, and the prominent political questions in Congress were discussed. The interview was very cordial. The President, says a Washington special, reiterated his opinion that Congress should admit the rebellious States to representation. He thought the passage of the Negro Suffrage bill was untimely, but did not intimate any purpose to veto it. Upon leaving, a member of the delegation remarked that they were determined to hold to the President, and he replied that it was his purpose to hold on to them.

DEATH OF FREDERICK BREMER.—The last European steamer brings news of the death of Frederick Bremer, the Swedish author, well known and highly esteemed in this country for various excellent qualities, and standing by the side of some of the most popular female writers.

They had a Masked Ball at the Academy of Music in Philadelphia, at which it is estimated 4,000 persons were present. The law against Masquerades has been abolished, and they have become popular. It would be well to revive that law, as great harm is the result of such gatherings.

Three female visitors to the East Room in the President's House, were arrested on Friday last, charged with mutilating the curtains at the windows, and were sent to the station house.

A bill has passed the Legislature of Maryland to pay ex-Governor Bradford \$30,000 as compensation for the burning of his house by the Rebels.

The Gettysburg Mineral Spring.

The mineral spring on the McClean farm still continues to attract public attention. Its water has been used, I understand, successfully in quite a number of instances of rheumatic, kidney, and urinary diseases. It has come to be a favorite remedy among the elite of this town and vicinity. The following extract from the correspondence of one of our contemporaries will prove interesting to all classes:

"But not sufficient importance is attached to the extraordinary claim put forward in behalf of this water as a cure for fevers and for other acute diseases of which fevers are the basis. This claim in behalf of a mineral water was so unprecedented as to occasion general surprise and incredulity, and the consequence has been that no attention has been paid to it, notwithstanding the confident assertion of those who have tried it and the invitation to others to make the experiment. Yet it appears that this pretension of the Gettysburg water is sustained by high medical authority. The January number of the 'Druggist's Circular and Chemical Gazette,' contains an article on Lithia waters, which is deeply interesting to the community in which is situated the only Lithia spring on this Continent.

It quotes an array of testimonials to the efficacy of lithia waters in rheumatic, gout, kidney and urinary diseases, which is astonishing and overwhelming. The mineral springs in Europe containing it are likely to soon become the only places of resort of the afflicted in that part of the world. But the sphere of utility of lithia as a medicine is daily enlarging by new discoveries and experiments, and the following which I quote from the article referred to, fully explains the efficacy of the Gettysburg water in cases of fevers and other acute diseases which are accompanied with fevers.

"The property of lithia—of forming easily soluble acid urates, of dissolving uric acid and urate deposits in the human body, seems to assign to it an important rank as a uricase, a substance which the formation and excretion of uric acid is usually increased. According to Lehman, an augmentation in the amount of uric acid in the urine always accompanies the groups of symptoms usually designated as uricæmia, the uric acid either separating or remaining dissolved.

This scientific confirmation of the testimony of those who have tried this water on fevers, should, and we have no doubt, will have great weight in the whole community. Here is an opportunity of bringing this water to an immediate and unmistakable test. Its application in chronic diseases requires time and often medical advice to be efficacious, but in fevers it may be used with advantage by unprofessional persons. It is only necessary that they should drink from a pint to a quart of water, at intervals to suit their taste, within the space of an hour and a half, keeping in a cool room and keeping themselves comfortably covered for a couple of hours or half a day after the fever is broken.

Consecration of a Bishop.

PITTSBURG, January 25.—Rev. John Barrett Kerfoot, Bishop elect of the new diocese of Pittsburg, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, was consecrated to-day, in Trinity Church, in presence of a large congregation. Bishop Hopkins, of Vermont, presided, assisted by Bishops McIlvaine, of Ohio; Whittingham, of Maryland; Williams, of Connecticut; Talbot, of Indiana; Clarkson, of Nebraska; Cox, of Western Pennsylvania. The services were deeply impressive. Bishop Cox preached the charge to the new Bishop.

The Twenty-first Illinois infantry, the regiment in command of which Gen. Grant entered upon the brilliant military career which culminated in his commission as Lieutenant General of the American Army and Navy, has just returned from New Orleans. This veteran regiment now numbers four hundred and ninety-two men and twenty-one officers, among whom are fifty men and two officers who started out with Gen. Grant as Colonel. One of the originals is the commanding officer of the regiment, Col. Jamison.

Col. A. A. Morgan, Inspector General of the Department of Missouri, on the staff of Gen. Pope, died in St. Louis, on the 20th inst. In the enjoyment of perfect health he retired to his room, in General Pope's residence, on Friday night, and so one suspected that anything had gone wrong with him until in the morning, when his unusual absence from the breakfast table was remarked, and General Pope went to his room, and getting no response, on opening the door found, to his utter astonishment and dismay, that the Colonel was dead, asphyxiated by the escape of gas from a stove in the room. Col. Morgan had been with General Pope for five years, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. His remains were sent to Cincinnati.

The Quebec Journal gives some interesting facts as to the diminution of the population in certain parts of Lower Canada. St. Andrews, a village in the township of Acton, contains 177 families, and has 200 houses unoccupied. In St. Theodore, same township, there are 24 houses unoccupied. The diminution of the population in St. Andrews, in three years, has been 2,065 souls and in St. Theodore 739. In the township of Acton, 2,500 of the population have left for the United States.

TWENTY YEARS' SENTENCE.—Judge Russell, city judge of New York, on Saturday morning announced his intention of making an example of a man named Nolan, an old offender, who had just been convicted of burglary. The Judge sentenced him to the State prison for twenty years. If some kind hearted Governor does not release him within a year or two, the warning may possibly be heeded by others of dispositions akin to that of Nolan.

The announcement that Lancaster county has instructed her delegates to the Union State Convention in favor of Gen. Geary for Governor, casts an immense weight of influence for that hero.

Resolutions endorsing the policy of President Johnson, and commending the administrative ability of Secretaries Seward and Stanton, were passed by the Legislature of New Jersey on Wednesday last, after considerable debate, by a vote of 35 yeas to 6 nays. Thus New Jersey has once more wheeled into line, and joined her sister States in the good cause.

We refer to the fact as a matter of intelligence, that one half, at least, of the Union press of the State endorse the suggestion to nominate Maj. Gen. John W. Geary for Governor.

A SENATORIAL ENTERTAINMENT.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 25.—Senator McCoskott last evening gave a private entertainment at the "Lochiel" to the Republican Senators, and a few other friends of the same political belief. The guests, about thirty in number, sat down about ten o'clock to a table which had been prepared by the host of the Lochiel regardless of expense. I doubt if any entertainment was ever gotten up here or elsewhere, for the same number of persons, which surpassed it in the quality of the viands and in the taste in which they were arranged. Oysters cooked in every style, chicken and lobster salads, venison, ice creams, jellies, fruits and cakes, and choice wines, were a portion of the comestibles and bibbles offered for the acceptance of the honorable gentlemen present. The head of the table was occupied by the Honorable Simon Cameron and the foot by Speaker Fleming, and after due justice had been done to the contents of the numerous dishes, the health of Mr. McCoskott was proposed, who responded in a brief and appropriate speech, expressing his gratification at being awarded a seat in the Senate, and his pleasure at meeting his brother Senators and the other gentlemen around the social board. During the evening speeches were also made by Mr. Cameron, Colonel Campbell (the Surveyor General elect), Senators Biglum, Worthington, Graham, Royer, Connel, Fleming, Lowry, Shoemaker, Nichols, Householder, and Brown, and the correspondent of the Press, and at midnight the company separated, well pleased with the evening's festivities.

The Harrisburg correspondent of the Philadelphia Press makes the following allusion to Senator McCoskott:

"He was born in Gettysburg in 1823, and is therefore about forty-three years of age. His ancestry were of Scotch-Irish Presbyterian lineage, and settled in Adams county, (then part of Lancaster), as early as 1783. His great-grandfather was Sheriff of York in 1783, and was also a member of the Colonial Legislature both before and after the Revolution, in which war he served in a military capacity. His grandfather was an officer in the Revolutionary army, and his father was admitted to the bar of Adams in 1806. Senator McCoskott received his education at Pennsylvania and Washington colleges, graduating at the latter institution in 1840. Five years later he was admitted to the bar of Gettysburg, and from his talents and energy he soon attained a high position, accompanied by a remunerative practice.

"During the rebellion, and more especially about the time of the battle of Gettysburg, his energies were unceasingly devoted to observations of the enemy, and other measures for the safety of his fellow citizens. Before this memorable battle he was appointed by General Couch as a volunteer aid, and for valuable information and services rendered them and the army, he received just and handsome acknowledgments from both General Couch and General Meade. The people of his district have done wisely in confiding to him the defence of the rights of the loyal and faithful against the arrogance of faithless and traitorous deserters, and his energy and success have justified him and them."

A SMART TRICK.—The Omnibus of Naples relates the following story of a man who, within the last few days, found means to turn to account the popular apprehension of poisoners which has prevailed here since the appearance of the cholera. The individual in question, being exceedingly hungry, and having only a single coin of the value of a sou, laid it out in the purchase of powdered sugar, and as he passed by the stand of one of those open air cooks who made a kind of pancakes *fritate*, he dropped, apparently by accident, some of the sugar into the frying pan. He was instantly seized as a poisoner caught in the act. He denied vigorously the truth of the allegation, and at last, to prove his innocence, offered to eat the contents of the pan. This proposition was accepted, and he accordingly despatched the pancakes with great relish, and then walked off, satisfied with the success of his trick.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?—The New York Citizen (edited by private Miles O' Riley), has an article laudatory of the Fenians, and urging Irishmen and Americans to contribute to the Fenian funds. We quote a single ominous passage:

"We tell the American public—and they have heretofore found us pretty accurate prophets in everything relative to the Fenian cause—that before ten weeks there will be—somewhere—an Irish Republic existing on the face of the earth, with a flag, an army, a port of entry and exit, a navy of privateers, and the well encouragement both of France and the United States in the prosecution of belligerent acts against Great Britain. Let no one ask us for the present where this republic will be located, for we cannot answer. It must be called a republic, to warrant the flag and fleet, but will really only be used as an immediate basis of operations for the transfer of active hostilities to the Canadian and Irish shores. A word to the wise is enough. And, now, while the quidnuncs grow excited, the wise will await developments, giving liberally of their means to aid the cause; nor will they have to tarry long for the fulfillment of all that we herein forebode."

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC SAFETY.—In response to a call of the Mayor of Norfolk, Va., a large meeting of citizens has been held in that city to take precautions against the many lawless ruffians now infesting the place, and as is alleged, perpetrating all kinds of crimes. Mr. Tabb, the mayor, stated that the police force was not sufficient to protect persons and property, and that he had called the citizens together for advice and counsel. It was agreed, after considerable discussion, to enroll a volunteer police force of one hundred citizens, to serve during one week, or until the city shall have been purged of the outlaws who have sought a refuge here to pursue their nefarious calling.

Two brothers, named Daniel and William Kimball, employed on the Pittsburg and Fort Wayne Railroad, one as station engineer and the other as brakeman, have been arrested at Valparaiso, Indiana, for robbing the trains of a large amount of property. They had been in the habit of pilfering daily from the cars, and a large amount of plunder was found on their premises.

THE CATTLE PLAGUE IN ENGLAND.

The United States consul at Manchester, England, under date of January 6, informs the Department of State that the cattle disease has made frightful progress, the cases for the week ending the date of his dispatch being 7,596—an increase of 1,437 upon the returns of the previous week.—He reports that the authorities are making every exertion possible to restrain the plague, but without the slightest appearance of success. The disease, he asserts, has been discovered to bear some striking analogy to small pox, and many experiments in vaccination are being made.

INTERNAL REVENUE DECISION.—The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has received a communication from a farmer, inquiring whether farm products sold in 1864, and which had been assessed to 1863, were liable to taxation. In reply, the Commissioner decides that there is no provision of law for exempting farm products from taxation when sold on account of their having paid a tax previously; and, in the second place, it is clear that in a majority of cases it is only apparently the fact that a second tax is paid, and consequently the tax will be assessed upon the value of a year's crop.

A RICH BALE OF COTTON.—Many cotton bales arriving in New York have to be overhauled, dirt and stained cotton thrown out, and then rebaled. The other day two laborers in discharge of duty found in one of the bales \$27,000 in gold. One of them proposed to the other to divide and keep him, but the other said he would report to the boss. The purchaser of the cotton claimed the gold, and the seller claimed it because the cotton was not delivered, and for other reasons, probably the court will decide to whom this rich mine belongs. The purchaser gave the two laborers \$400 each in greenbacks.

Intelligence from Oregon is received to the 18th instant. The snow storms have been so severe as to close many of the leading thoroughfares, and to cause much suffering and even loss of life. Travellers and teamsters had been overtaken by the storms and forced to desert their trains. The temperature has been unprecedentedly low along the coast and through the mountains. The steamer Sierra Nevada has been got off from the rock in the Columbia river without serious injury. The Snake Indians had become hostile, and at Warren's Digging they had killed seven white persons and carried off all the stock.

We find in the Boston Herald the following anecdote of certain liberal church officers: "About four months ago Mr. Lewis Fisher, a fresco painter, while engaged in his occupation on the ceiling of a church in Chelsea, accidentally fell from the staging to the pews beneath—a distance of twenty-five feet, breaking several of his ribs, and receiving serious internal injuries which will disable him for life, and from which he is now confined to his house. A few weeks since the unfortunate man had a bill presented to him by the trustees of the church for repairing the pews on which he fell, amounting to the sum of \$7 60, and he paid it!"

The venerable Bishop Morris, of the M. E. Church, is suffering from ill-health. The Springfield (Ohio) Republic says that while officiating at Xenia, on Saturday week, he had an attack of Paralysis, which compelled him to desist from preaching. He, however, so far recovered as to return to his residence in Springfield on the following Monday.

NEW YORK, January 25.—A special New Orleans dispatch to the Tribune, dated January 24, states that General Crawford, (the Rio Grande filibuster), was arrested on the evening previous on board the Steamer Continental, bound to New York. He was arrested by the chief of General Sheridan's scouts, and was immediately taken to Fort Jackson.

In Monroe county, Alabama, an agricultural association has been instituted by Southern men, which combines the functions of the local agent of the freedmen's bureau; the president of the society, in the same person, succeeding admirably; able-bodied negroes are at work, young and old are provided for, and there are no drunken or vagrant negroes in the county.

SAVED BY HOOPS.—The Middletown (Pa.) Journal says that last week, while a number of ladies and gentlemen were skating on the dam in the Swatara river, a certain Miss, who had skated up to a place where the ice had been removed, was suddenly, but accidentally pushed by another skater, when the former fell into the water. Her hoops kept her afloat until rescued.

A party of men were arrested in East St. Louis last week, charged with being connected with others in stealing a large amount of goods from the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad and Transfer Company. It is said that during the past year one hundred thousand dollars' worth of merchandise has been stolen from the above companies, which they have had to pay for, and which will probably be accounted for by the arrest of the alleged thieves, and the recovery of a portion of the property.

John Seaver, of Portsmouth, N. H., accomplished the feat in that city last week of walking 100 miles in 100 hours, without sleep, completing the task on Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock. Seaver is now, as he expresses it, "almost as good as new." This is said to be the first time this feat was ever successfully undertaken.

The Philadelphia Age, which during the struggle for the life of the Government was the recognized organ of the rebel leaders, has undertaken the task of ridiculing the military genius and ability of General Geary. The very best mode that sheet could adopt to secure the hero's popularity.

Benjamin Finney, a wealthy farmer at Rockport, Ill., was recently poisoned to death with strychnine, by his fifth wife, a pretty girl, whom he married six weeks ago.

A girl of fifteen is on trial at Boston for bigamy. Her first husband, married at the mature age of fourteen, is in the State's Prison.

During 1865, 125,000,000 letters passed through the New York postoffice. The office netted to the Government \$1,508,174 22 profit over the expenses.

Shocking Affair in Michigan.

Four Children Burned.—One of the most heart rending accidents by fire that has ever come to our notice took place on the opposite side of the river, and about two miles from Belle Plaine, on the night of Thursday last. The name of the unfortunate family was Shilcock, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Shilcock and five children, the oldest some eight or ten years of age. During the night Mrs. Shilcock awoke and found the house in flames, when she immediately sprang from the bed, and, remembering the four children in the other room, that was reached by a passage, she rushed to their rescue.

Mr. Shilcock followed an instant later, but in his passage broke through the burning floor into the cellar. By a desperate effort, almost suffocated by heat and smoke, he again reached the bed which he had left, and grasping the sleeping babe, threw it through the window, which he broke out; but upon turning to see what had become of his wife, he was met by the flames and but barely escaped by the window through which he had thrown his child. Upon reaching the outside, he heard the cries of his wife from the entry way, or narrow hall. She had been frantically endeavoring to gain the room occupied by the children, until she herself had become surrounded by fire.

Through almost superhuman exertion he succeeded in bursting in the door and rescuing her, although both were terribly burned. They now used exertions to save the children, but all to no purpose, and soon they were enabled to see the four standing together in the middle of the room, clinging to each other, with their eyes raised to Heaven, in which position they were consumed by the flames, in full sight of their agonized parents, who could lend them no aid.

What must have been their feelings! Nothing, of course, was saved, and there they were, far from assistance, left almost childless, in the manner described; themselves badly burned, and exposed to the bitter cold weather, with no protection but their night clothes. They succeeded in reaching a neighbor's house, where they were cared for in a proper manner. The charred remains of the four children were afterwards taken from the ruins of the house.—*Shakopee Argus.*

A Winter Storm and a Railroad Crash.

The Cincinnati Commercial, of Sunday week, says:

"We have had an extraordinary number of remarkable nights and days, but Friday night was the most notable of the season. Friday was almost warm enough to have wooed the blue birds, the bees and the peach blossoms from their hiding places.—At midnight the sky darkened and the thermometer fell, and soon after midnight there was a mighty storm. The wind was wild, and dashed the torrents of rain against the houses with prodigious violence. There was an immense development of electricity. The glare of lightning was at times as keen and incessant as in a mid summer night's thunder storm. A house west of the city was struck by lightning and burned, the red light of the flames showing intensely against the black and dismal sky, and the clangor of the fire bells was heard in the uproar of the tempest. During the same storm a tree near the barracks of the Western Military Institute, at Dayton, was struck and shivered by lightning.

The express train from Indianapolis, rushing along at high speed, a few miles below the city, ran into a freight car, the wind had forced from the side track upon the road. The crash was horrible, and the locomotive whirling over crushed the engineer to death, and it was impossible until late yesterday afternoon, to clear the wreck and remove the body of the poor fellow who had met so hard and untimely a fate.

A midnight thunder storm in mid winter was a startling novelty, and thousands were roused from slumber, and for hours were wakeful and anxious. At three o'clock yesterday morning the air was filled with particles of ice, that fairly whistled as they flew in the gale, cracked on the window glass, and stung the faces of those belated and exposed. At daylight the streets and roofs were white with snow, and the mercury had fallen in the neighborhood of fifty degrees in twelve hours."

The Cholera at Guadaloupe.

The appearance of the chol